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Mackerel Notes.

The fare of sch. *Esperanto* sold to William H. Jordan & Co. at \$14 per barrel.

The fare of sch. *Arthur James* sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co., the 243 barrels selling for lump sum, \$3250.

The fare of sch. *Ingomar* sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co.

The fare of sch. *Grayling* sold to William H. Jordan & Co.

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STRICTER LOBSTER LAWS.

Wanted by Massachusetts Fish and Game Commission.

Believe Lobsters Over 11 Inches Long Should Be Protected.

The forthcoming report of the Massachusetts Fish and Game Commission will have something very definite and important to say of the matter of lobster laws and lobster propagation, as well as lobster legislation. Dr. Field, chairman of the board, believes that lobsters over 11 inches in length should be strongly protected, and this the report will urge.

Since the compiling of the report, the nine inch law has been passed by the legislature and speaking of it, the commissioner says:

"That the new law as it stands, as they left it means the absolute extinction of the lobster in Massachusetts waters, and that before very long," said Dr. Field, "for here you have it on my lobster life line. Here's the space between 9 and 11 inches. Now if the lobster, as we know, goes on as it increases in length until it produces 90,000 eggs, you will find that after continuing at that number for two or three seasons, it begins to diminish until at above 18 inches it drops down to none. Now if by this protection you are saving everything beyond 11 inches long, doesn't it stand to reason that from all the rest of the long line the lobster is going to reproduce faster than if you wipe that all out and permit them all to be caught."

The report shows that in 1891, there were 327 fishermen in Massachusetts waters with 15,448 traps, and that the catch of lobsters above 10 1-2 inches was 1,292,791, of which 49,973 were egg bearing lobsters, while the average catch per pot was 84.

In 1896 there were 453 fishermen; 22,041 traps; the catch of lobsters above 10 1-2 inches had dropped to 995,396; of egg bearing lobsters to 30,470, while the average catch to the pot was only 45 lobsters.

In 1901 there were 331 fishermen; 16,286 traps; the catch of lobsters above 10 1-2 inches was only 578,383; of egg bearing lobsters, 16,353, while the average to the pot was only 35.

In 1906 the number of fishermen was 335; traps, 21,918; catch of lobsters above 10 1-2 inches, 487,332; egg bearing lobsters, 9,378; while the average catch to the pot was only 28 lobsters.

This is a sorry comparison with the year 1888 when the catch of lobsters was 1,740,850 with an average of 81 to the pot.

From the Gloucester station, last year, the total yield of lobster eggs was 22,486,000, from which were hatched 20,375,000 fry, of which 800,000 were put over into Massachusetts bay from Nahant; 900,000 from Gloucester; 1,200,000 from Boston; 1,000,000 from Marblehead.

ROCKPORT.**Good Fishing.**

All the shore boats brought in large quantities of cod and pollock yesterday, some of the yachtsmen enjoying the good fishing, bringing in good catches, while several large auxiliary yachts were at anchor outside of Salvages, participating in the sport of good fishing.

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STILL MAKING FINE HAULS.

Three Dandy Mackerel Trips at P. M. This Forenoon.

SEVERAL FINE STOCKS MADE

Some Seiners Reported Seen Salting Mackerel Off Chatham.

After a respite of one day, the seiners have begun again on their work of running trips of fresh mackerel to market, and this morning two fine fares are at T wharf, Boston, sch. *Constellation*. Capt. Thaddeus Morgan, with 25,000 large fresh mackerel and 20 barrels of salt mackerel, and sch. *Corsair*, Capt. Gourley Anderson, with 10,000 large fresh mackerel and 80 barrels of salt mackerel.

Sch. *Constellation* sold her fresh mackerel at 12 cents each. This is her third fine fare in ten days, she being in on July 6 and July 11, both times with a big fare. This puts Capt. Morgan's stock in the neighborhood of \$20,000 and perhaps better and places him at or near the high line position.

The little steamer *Anna Laura* is at Boston this morning with 1200 large fresh mackerel and the sch. boat *Mary Emerson* is also there with 1500 large fresh mackerel.

A big week's work was that of sch. *Arthur James*, Capt. Archibald Devine. This craft came into Boston and marketed at T wharf a week ago Monday. Last Saturday she again made Boston with another fare, even larger than the previous one. On these two trips the splendid stock of \$7400 and the crew profited to the extent of \$184.60. This is certainly some money to make in a week.

The Salt Island trap took 150 medium mackerel yesterday. This is an encouraging sign, as these are the first medium fish taken around here.

Sch. *Elizabeth Silsbee*, Capt. John A. McKinnon, stocked \$4000 on her recent seining trip, the crew sharing \$93.50. Capt. McKinnon is right up with the band wagon. The engine of the *Silsbee* is broken down and it will take so long to fix it up that Capt. McKinnon has decided he cannot spare the valuable time at this busy part of the season, so he will have the propeller

taken off and the craft will go as a regular sailing vessel.

There are evidently some medium fish in the fares at Boston today, as a price of eight cents each has been made for this kind.

The captain of steamer *Anna Laura* at Boston this morning reports some of the seiners salting mackerel off Chatham.

Sch. *Diana*, Capt. James McLean, arrived at Boston this forenoon with a splendid fare, having 286 barrels of salt mackerel and 15,000 fresh mackerel. This fine fare means a stock of about \$5500.

The fare of sch. *Elizabeth Silsbee* sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co.

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BANK COD SALES.

Last High Price Figures Continued on Today's Trips.

The last price sales of salt bank cod, \$4 per hundred weight for large and \$3.25 for medium, was continued today, the only outside fare, that is, the only trip on the market, that of sch. *Horace B. Parker*, selling to William F. Moorre & Co., at that figure.

The fare of sch. *Arkona* was taken by Cunningham & Thompson and that of sch. *Arcadia* to Sylvanus Smith & Co., by which concerns these crafts are owned.

ARBITRATION SETTLEMENT.

Of Fishery Troubles Now Favored by England.

WAS PROPOSED BY BOND.

Work on Modus Vivendi for Coming Season Continues.

A despatch from London says: "Great Britain, which up to the present has opposed the suggestion that the question of the Newfoundland fisheries be referred to arbitration, as proposed by Sir Robert Bond, premier of Newfoundland, is now disposed to believe that this is the only way in which the matter can be settled. She would raise no objection if a definite proposition in that direction were submitted."

"In the meantime Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador, is conferring frequently with Foreign Secretary Gray with a view to the renewal of the modus vivendi, either in the same terms as last year or in some modified form."

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BUILDING BUTTS SHED.

Fish Drying Flakes Will Cover the Whole Top.

Move of Atlantic Maritime Co. in Handling Fish Fares.

A force of Mr. John W. Day's workmen have begun work at the wharf of the Atlantic Maritime Co. The old wood storage shed formerly used by Charles H. Boynton is to be made over into a butt shed, and to do this, the present roof will be taken off and the sides and ends cut down to make a one story building of it, but the work will be so done that a second story can be put on at any time desired.

The company recently had a large number of fish butts brought down from Boston and they will be placed in this building.

After the new roof is completed, a set of fish drying flakes will be built and set up, to cover the whole flat roof of the shed.

This is the first move of the company toward its announced idea of going into the business of handling trips of fish and taking up the fish business generally.

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SALT RIPS COD DROP.

Some Lines of Fresh Fish Also Off This Morning.

Salt Rips cod took a drop Saturday, when the fares of schs. *Mina Swim* and *Matchless* sold to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. at \$4.37 1-2 cents per hundred weight for large and \$3.37 1-2 for medium, a drop of 12 1-2 cents on both large and medium.

Fresh hake also dropped this morning, the fare of sch. *Quickstep* selling to Cunningham & Thompson at \$1.30 per hundred weight, a drop of 10 cents.

The fare of Rips salt cod of sch. *Louisa Polleys* sold to Lane & Smith at the new figures, \$4.37 1-2 and \$3.37 1-2.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Eglantine, Western Bank, 130,000 lbs. fresh fish, 3000 lbs. halibut.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 11 1-2 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. or gray.
Market price large western cod to split, \$2.75 per cwt., medium do., \$1.75.
Large eastern cod, \$2.50, medium do., \$1.75.
Market price fresh large Rips cod, \$2.75 per cwt., medium do., \$1.75.
Market price, salt bank cod, \$4 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for medium.
Market price salt Rips cod, \$4.37 1-2 cwt. for large, \$3.37 1-2 medium, \$2.50 for snappers and \$2 for haddock and \$1.50 for pollock.
Fresh round pollock, 70c per cwt.
Market price fresh hake, \$1.30 per cwt.
Large fresh mackerel, 8 1-2 cts. each.
Fresh medium mackerel 5 cts. each.
Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$12.00 per bbl.
Market price fresh cusk, \$1.75 per cwt.
Cox's ledge dory headline salt cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large and \$3.75 for mediums.
Dressed fresh pollock, 80 cts. per cwt.
Cape North fresh codfish, \$2.50 per cwt. for large and \$1.75 for medium.
Fresh whiting, 50c per bbl.
Salt Cape North cod, \$4 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for medium.
Shore salt mackerel, \$14 per bbl.

Boston.

Sch. Azorean, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Anna Laura, 1200 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mary Emerson, 1500 large fresh mackerel.
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 40,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. Regina, 16,000 haddock, 28,000 cod.
Sch. Annie Perry, 8000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Grace Darling, 40,000 cod.
Sch. Marsala, 45,000 cod.
Sch. Julia Costa, 8000 haddock, 45,000 cod, 20,000 pollock.
Sch. Corsair, 10,000 large fresh mackerel, 80 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Flavia, 14,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.
Sch. William A. Morse, 4000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Rose Dorothea, 10,000 haddock, 90,000 cod, 15,000 pollock.
Sch. Mary C. Santos, 11,000 haddock, 85,000 cod, 12,000 pollock.
Sch. Seaconnet, 23,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.
Sloop Marion, 800 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 pollock, 500 halibut.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 75,000 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 16,000 haddock, 40,000 cod.
Sch. Constellation, 25,000 large fresh mackerel, 20 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Galatea, 50,000 cod.
Sloop Ignatius Enos, 4000 cod, 200 halibut.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 5500 cod, 500 cusk, 2400 halibut.
Haddock, \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.50; pollock, 75 cts.; fresh mackerel, 12 cts. and 15 cts. each for large and 8 cts. each for medium.

MACKEREL ARE PLAYING OUT.

Latest Reports from Rips and Southwest Georges.

THREE TRIPS IN TODAY.

Selners Will Visit Bay of Fundy and Southeast Georges.

There were no mackerel fares at Boston this morning up to 11 o'clock, but late yesterday afternoon sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley, arrived with a big trip, having 290 barrels of salt mackerel and 10,000 fresh mackerel. Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Samuel Kent, also arrived there about the same time with 10,000 large fresh mackerel and 22 barrels of salt mackerel. The Stanley will make a big stock, about \$5,000.

Capt. Stanley reports finishing up his fare Sunday night and left 20 sail on the southwest part of Georges, which was the most vessels that had been there this season at one time. Previous to that they had been from nine to 15 sail.

The fishing there appeared to be playing out, and the last schools were taken 40 miles to the north of where the first big hauls were made last week. The fish are full of red feed and little sand eels.

Capt. Stanley said that a few of the vessels of the Georges fleet had about 200 barrels of salted fish on board.

The seining fleet is now spread out from Race Point down to Chatham and the Rips and across to Georges and some of the skippers may soon take a turn to the Bay of Fundy. It seems to be the opinion of some of the skippers that the fishing is about done on the southeast part and on the Rips, as all day Sunday they cruised and did not see a fish, although it was a splendid day.

The great majority of the fleet, however, will hang down that way for quite a while yet, although some will have a look way over on the southeast part of the bank.

The little sch. boat Reliance was at Boston yesterday afternoon with 3300 large fresh mackerel. Capt. Nelson is hustling for this is 150 barrels he has landed in two trips in six days.

A special to the Times from its Newport, R. I., correspondent states that sch. Nourmahal, Capt. Jerry Cook, arrived there this forenoon with 150 barrels of the largest kind of fresh mackerel.

Sch. Cherokee, Capt. Benj. Lumsden, also arrived there this forenoon with 31 swordfish.

The fare of salt mackerel of sch. Elizabeth Silsbee sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Co. \$13.25 per barrel.

CAPT. SMITH IS HIGH LINE.

Has Stocked Nearly \$21,000 in Mackerel Fishery.

IS VETERAN OF THE FLEET.

Crew Have Profited to the Extent of \$485.93

The veteran of the fleet is high line up to date. The indomitable Capt. Joseph Smith, of whom it can truly be said, "age does not wither his great ability," is again at the head of the mackerel parade.

This man, now fast approaching an age when the easy chair is accounted the only place, is as full of life and ginger as a young skipper, and backed with his mature judgment is showing that he is not only a long ways from a "has been" but is right there with the best of them.

"Capt. Joe" is high. There is no disputing it. He is in sch. Grayling, a sailing vessel, and his work is nothing less than phenomenal. Here it is only July 16, with three or four months of the season yet to come, when the best fishing is expected, and yet, since the latter part of March he has rolled up the glorious stock of nearly \$21,000, and his trusty crew has profited in proportion, each man of them having received \$485.93 for his work up to date, and that's certainly is "going some."

On the last trip of the craft, which includes the two trips out to Newport, and the Boston trip, all since his last settlement, the stock was \$11,011.55, and this was clear of the market. This forenoon they settled up at the firm of Orlando Merchant, from which the vessel sailed, when every member of the crew stepped up and received his check for \$288.61.

It is no disparagement to any of the many smart and hustling skippers of the fleet who are close up to Capt. Smith's heels to credit him for the high line honor, for they all like him and respect his judgment and ability and are pleased to see the old veteran going at such a three-year-old gait.

Sch. Electric Flash, Capt. William Bissert, stocked \$3200 as the result of her recent mackerel trip, the crew sharing \$76.

Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons, stocked \$4000 as the result of her recent mackerel seining trip, the crew sharing \$92.80.

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BIG WORK.

Sch. Kineo Has Stocked \$15,000 Since Last Spring.

While the mackerel seiners are getting in big ticks and rolling up big stocks, they are not the only vessels who are making large money, as is evidenced by the work of sch. Kineo, Capt. John Stream, in the Georges halibut fishery.

Sch. Kineo started in the spring, a little ahead of the seiners and up to Saturday had rolled up a stock of \$15,000, on which the crew had made the splendid share of \$408 per man.

This gives Capt. Stream a fine start for a big season's work and a chance to break all records in this fishery.

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IN BOSTON COLD STORAGE.

Smoked Bloaters Are Now About All Moved from Burned Freezer.

The smoked bloaters which were in the freezer of the Gloucester Cold Storage Company which was on fire last Thursday morning have been shipped to Boston and put in cold storage there. It is said that most of the stock is in good condition.

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Big Swordfish Fare.

Sch. Albert W. Black, which arrived at T wharf, Boston, this morning, has the largest trip of the season, 107 fish.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Corsair, via Boston, 80 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Diana, via Boston, 286 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Priscilla Smith, Georges, 50 bbls. salt mackerel.
Sch. Galatea, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Grace Darling, via Boston, 38,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Volant, Rips, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Mary C. Santos, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Marsala, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Maggle and May, Banks, 280,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. E. C. Hussey, via Boston, 45,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Teazer, Georges, 8000 lbs. halibut, 16,000 lbs. salt cod, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.